

ish records of Wrentham, co. Suffolk, England, *but more particularly through two old letters† written in 1670 to “my loveing & Deare sonne Nathaniell Chickring liveing at Dedham in new England” by his mother, Prudence Chickering of Wrentham, Eng-

*FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF WRENTHAM, CO. SUFFOLK
Baptisms and Births

- 1628 Elisabeth daughter of Henry Chickeren and Anne his wife baptized 15 March (1628-9).
1630 Elisabeth daughter of Henry Chickeren and Anne his wife baptized 3 October.
1634 John son of Henry Chickeringe and Anne his wife baptized 31 August.
1636 Simon son of Simon and Thomasine Chickering baptized 14 August.
1638 Ellizabeth daughter of Simon and Thomasine Chickering baptized 9 December.
1643 Mary daughter of Simon and Prudence Chickry born 2 November.
1644 John son of Simon and Prudence Chickry born 5 February (1644-5).
1647 Nathaniel son of Simon and Prudence Chickry born 8 October.
1652 Daniel son of Simon and Prudence Chickry born 9 March (1652-3).
1654 Sarah daughter of Simon and Prudence Chickry born 29 December.
1659 Sarah daughter of Simon and Prudence Chickring born 19 April.

Marriage

- 1624 John Chickeren and Thomazine Smyth 2 November.

Burials

- 1626 Elizabeth wife of Henry Chickeren 12 May.
1629 Elizabeth daughter of Henry Chickeren 10 November.
1641 Goody Chickry 5 August.
1656 Sarah daughter of Simon and Prudence Chickeringe 26 January (1656-7).
1659 Simon son of Simon Chickering 13 October.
1660 Daniel son of Simon and Prudence Chickering 21 January (1660-1).

† LETTER FROM PRUDENCE CHICKERING TO NATHANIEL CHICKERING,
1681

September the 25 day 1681 Wrentham

Dere some natithel I did understand you ware in some mesuer of health we recavied you cossin Mistres medcaps letter in which she write to her sister and her sister is dead as for her brother we heard of hime some years agoe he is yet liveing as fare we doe not know how to send hime word The lord have continued my life under much wakenesses your brother John is yet a singel man and your sister mary is married and live at London and have one daughter a live your cristaine friends all here dou desire to be remembered to you as for your meannes in the world I hope the lord will make away for you times are but bad here but we yet inJoye the gospell but we lue under theretings and know not how long we shall inJoye it if (?) your sister Crisp is in some measure of health and have seven children alive the Lord helpe us soe to rune our (race) as we may obtaine the croune which god the righteous Judge shall give at that day haveing noe more at the present but beging your prayers at the throne of greace that the lord would be pleased to remember his holy covenant your sister Sarah dou desire to be remembered to you and your wife, thus I commend you to god and to the word of his grace which is able to keep you and to build you up in your most holy faith and thus my love to you and your wife and your wives friends thouse unbeknoweth and all our cristaine friends I Rest your loveing Mother till death.

PRUDENCE CHICKREIN

This ffor Nathanel Chickrein At his howse in Dedem in New England
Pr Capt Jells.

LETTER FROM PRUDENCE CHICKERING TO NATHANIEL CHICKERING,
1690

Sone Nathaniell

Haveing such opportunity of sending to you as by Esquire Dudlye I could not satisfye my selfe without wrighting to you to let you know yt I am at pesent up & downe